



**Terminal Disclaimer To Obviate A Double
Patenting Rejection Over A Prior Patent**

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Invention: **Improved Release Surfaces, Particularly For Use In Nanoimprint Lithography**

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The reply filed on April 8, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): In the remarks, at page 19 of the faxed communication, applicant states that a terminal disclaimer has been filed to obviate double patenting rejections with respect to both Chou patents, when in fact a terminal disclaimer was filed only for the -905 patent. A request that the double patenting rejections be withdrawn in light of this fact is confusing and in fact non-responsive to the rejection, since no terminal disclaimer was filed for the -580 patent. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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